

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

When passing the bread to your neighbor say, "The body of Christ, broken for you."

When passing the cup to your neighbor say, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

We will hold each element until all are served and then partake together.

#### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

#### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF SENDING #218 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #177 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.**

**Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.**

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Prepare the Royal Highway"

Swedish hymn, arr. Michael Burkhardt



**WELCOME VISITOR!** We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor  
Stephanie Dunn, Youth Director  
Ward Galley, Music Director  
Dorothy Clark, Organist

Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Tom Francis, Custodian  
Nursery Attendants: Stephanie Phillips and Megan Bennett

# Stockbridge Presbyterian

## Church

*Second Sunday of Advent*

*December 6, 2015*

*11:00 am*



## Celebrating the Sacrament Of Communion

*"And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you will name him Jesus."*

*Luke 1:31*

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*(Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

Acolyte: Lorren Huggins

Paul Manz

#### PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

Beadle: Darin Clipper

**Please use this time for silent meditation and preparation for worship. Prayer cards are in the pew rack in front of you for submission to church prayer list.**

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*Those who are able, please stand.

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #114 "O Come, Let Us Adore Him"

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 126)

Liturgist: Darin Clipper

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

**All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Leader: Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice.**

**All: Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #161 "People, Look East"

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Stanley Family

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Gracious God, we are not good at waiting. Forgive our impatience, our demanding natures, our proud feelings of entitlement. Help us to humble ourselves before you, trusting in your wisdom, your abiding love, and your perfect timing. Please hear us now as we continue our confession in silence ...**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Timothy 1:15a)

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Friends, rejoice again in the great good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Wendy Wells

ANTHEM "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" English Carol, arr. Larry Shackley  
(Children will be dismissed to Children's Worship following the anthem.)

Sanctuary Choir

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING Isaiah 7:14

Page 598, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING Luke 1:26-38

Page 53, Pew Bible

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON "Nothing Will Be Impossible with God"

Rev. Susan Bennett

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### MINISTRY OF GIVING

#### OFFERTORY "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

arr. Willem Vogel

#### \*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**